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**FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-INCUMBENT  
JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**

*Appeals Court Judge  
Circuit Court Judge*

*District Court Judge  
Probate Court Judge*

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

This document will be revised as changes occur.  
**Updates** will be posted on the Bureau of Elections'  
website ([www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)).

**ELECTION DATES:** The primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

**FILING DEADLINE:** Non-incumbent judicial candidates are required to file a nonpartisan nominating petition containing the requisite number of valid signatures, an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one copy) no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2008.**

**FILING LOCATION:** Candidates for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge or District Court Judge file with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, MI 48901-0726. Office location: Richard H. Austin Building (formerly known as the Treasury Building), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. Candidates for Probate Court Judge file with the local county clerk's office.

**PETITION FORM:** All non-incumbent judicial candidates are required to use the *nonpartisan nominating petition form* prescribed by the Secretary of State when collecting signatures. There are two versions of the form: 1) A "city/township" version and 2) a "countywide" version. The "city/township" version of the form is designed for circulation within a single city or township; the "countywide" version of the form can be signed by anyone registered to vote in a city or township that falls within the boundaries of the listed county. All judicial candidates may use the "city/township" nonpartisan nominating petition form or the "countywide" nonpartisan nominating petition form as convenient.

**REQUIRED AFFIDAVITS:** Non-incumbent candidates who file for the office of Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge or Probate Court Judge are required to file an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one copy). The required affidavits can be obtained from the Michigan Department

of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing or on the Bureau's website: [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos). A candidate who fails to file the required documents by the filing deadline is ineligible to appear on the ballot.

Michigan election law requires any candidate filing an Affidavit of Identity to state on the form that at the date the affidavit was executed, "all statements, reports, late filing fees and fines required of the candidate or any candidate committee organized to support the candidate's election under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act ... have been filed or paid." All judicial candidates are subject to the Campaign Finance Compliance Statement requirement. This remains true even if the candidate maintains a "Reporting Waiver."

**AFFIXING OFFICE DESIGNATION ON PETITION:** Petitions for a judicial office must bear the appropriate designation listed below to indicate the office sought by the candidate. Note that "incumbent" position means a position held by a judicial officer who is seeking reelection to his or her seat; "non-incumbent" position means a position held by a judicial officer who is not seeking reelection to his or her seat.

- Regular Term – Incumbent Position
- Regular Term – Non-Incumbent Position
- Partial Term – Incumbent Position\*
- Partial Term – Non-Incumbent Position\*
- New Judgeship

\* Add expiration date of term if more than one partial term will be filled in judicial district. The terms "vacancy," "partial term" and "unexpired term" are interchangeably used to reference a judicial position which will be filled at an election for less than the full term.

**OBTAINING INFORMATION ON APPROPRIATE OFFICE DESIGNATION:** Michigan election law stipulates that in instances where a candidate for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge or District Court Judge seeks election in a district where there are a combination of "new" positions, "incumbent" positions and/or "non-incumbent" positions to fill, the candidate must "apply to the Bureau of Elections for a written statement of office designation to correspond to the judgeship sought by the candidate." The designations listed in the following charts are provided to fulfill this information requirement. (See *Petition Signature Requirements and Office Designations* below.)

Michigan election law further directs the Bureau of Elections to designate a judicial position as an "incumbent" position in any instance where 1) there is an incumbent judge eligible to seek reelection to the position and 2) the deadline for filing the Affidavit of Candidacy has not yet elapsed. If the incumbent judge does not file for reelection by the deadline for submitting an Affidavit of Candidacy, the amendment directs the Bureau of Elections to 1) redesignate the position as a "non-incumbent" position and 2) notify all candidates seeking election in the judicial district that a "non-incumbent" position exists. Michigan election law further stipulates that in such instances, 1) nominating petition sheets circulated for the "non-incumbent" position subsequent to the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline "shall bear an office designation of non-

incumbent position” and 2) signatures collected prior to the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline “may be filed with the non-incumbent nominating petitions.” The Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline established for the August 5, 2008 primary elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2008.

**WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE:** Judicial candidates who file for the August 5, 2008 primary ballot with a petition who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice of withdrawal to the filing official no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2008.**

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** The petition signature requirements imposed on candidates who seek the office of Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge and Probate Court Judge are listed below (MCL 68.544f).

**- - Petition Signature Requirements and Office Designations - -**

**JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS**

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
1	6,200	12,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
2	6,200	12,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
2	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2013
3	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
3	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2013
4	6,200	12,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015

**JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
1	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>2</sup>	2015
3	6,200	12,000	19 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
3	6,200	12,000	2 Partial Terms	Incumbent	2011
3	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
4	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
5	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
6	4,000	8,000	6 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
6	4,000	8,000	2 Regular Terms	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
7	1,000	2,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
8	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
9	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
9	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2011
10	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
11	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
12	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
13	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
14	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
15	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
16	2,000	4,000	4 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
17	2,000	4,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
18	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
19	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
20	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
22	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
23	100	200	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent <sup>3</sup>	2015
24	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
25	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
26	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
27	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
28	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
29	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
29	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2011
30	1,000	2,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
31	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
32	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
33	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
35	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
36	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
37	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
38	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
39	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
40	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
41	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
42	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
46	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
48	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
51	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
52	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
55	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
56	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015

### JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
1	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
2A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
2B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
3A	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
3B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
4	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
5	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
7	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
8	400	800	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
8	600	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
10	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
12	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
14A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
14B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
15	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
16	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
17	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
18	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
19	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
20	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
21	100	200	1 Regular Term.	Incumbent	2015
23	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
24	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
25	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
26-1	6	20	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
26-2	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
28	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
31	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
32A	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
33	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
34	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
35	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
36	2,000	4,000	9 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
36	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>2</sup>	2015
37	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
38	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
39	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
40	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
41A	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
41B	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
41B	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2011
42-1	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
43	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
44	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
45A	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
45B	100	200	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
46	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
46	400	800	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2011
47	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
48	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
50	200	400	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
50	200	400	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>2</sup>	2013
51	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
52 Div. 1	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
52 Div. 2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
52 Div. 3	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
52 Div. 4	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
53	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
54A	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
55	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
56A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
57	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
58	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
60	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
61	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015
62A	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
62B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
63-1	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
63-2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
64A	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
64B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
65A	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
65B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
66	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
67 Div. 1	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
67 Div. 2	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
67 Div. 3	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
67 Div. 4	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
68	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
68	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>2</sup>	2015
70 Div. 1	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
70 Div. 2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
71A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
71B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
72	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
73A	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
73B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
74	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
75	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
76	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
77	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
78	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
79	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
80	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
81	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
82	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
83	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
84	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
85	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
86	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
87	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
88	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
89	100	200	1 Regular Term.	Incumbent	2015
90	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
91	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
92	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
93	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
94	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
95A	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
95B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
96	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
97	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
98	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015

### JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
Berrien	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
Genesee	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
Ingham	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
Kalamazoo	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
Kent	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
Macomb	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
Monroe	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
Oakland	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2015
Saginaw	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
St. Clair	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
Washtenaw	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2015
Wayne	6,200	12,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2015

<sup>1</sup>Judge is scheduled to retire at the end of the term due to age.

<sup>2</sup>Position is vacant.

<sup>3</sup>The term of the candidate who receives the highest number of votes shall be 8 years, and the term of the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be 6 years.